



Maine Shared Collections Cooperative (MSCC) January 2022 PAN Update Report

The Maine Shared Collections Cooperative (MSCC) shared print program was founded in 2011 by eight of the largest libraries in Maine plus the state's consortium, Maine InfoNet. With support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services MSCC successfully implemented a shared approach to the management of print collections in the state. In 2020, MSCC became one of the founding members of the Partnership for Shared Book Collections. MSCC currently has 42 members from across the state and includes a unique mixture of academic, public, the State Library, and medical libraries.

Membership

In 2021, MSCC held its first annual membership meeting to update members on program activities and provide a venue to discuss concerns some libraries had with being asked to retain what they felt were outdated titles that had not circulated since being committed. Discussing these materials at the meeting highlighted that not all libraries were aware of the categories of content that had previously been agreed to be out-of-scope for MSCC retention, which therefore libraries were not expected to retain. While steps were taken previously to remove this sort of content from retention consideration, some titles did slip through the nets.

Working with the MSCC Collections & Operations Committee, we continue to refine our categories of out-of-scope material and in 2021 added to this list art exhibition catalogues/brochures, travel guides that aren't Maine related, and republished journal articles or special issues of journals that were bound as monographs. Throughout this process, the MSCC Executive Committee has been clear on its intention to not undermine the trust in MSCC commitments and that the commitments agreed by libraries should continue to be honored, except in situations where content is clearly out of scope.

Subsequently one MSCC member did choose to exit the program. The leadership at that library had changed since the original commitment to join MSCC has been agreed and it was clear that the goals and mission of MSCC were not shared by the new leadership team. Attempts are being made to reallocate commitments for titles uniquely held by the withdrawing library. Maine Shared Collections Librarian Matthew Revitt has since started an onboarding process for new directors and key staff at member libraries to try and avoid similar situations arising in the

future. Matthew is also working on an infographic to highlight the benefits of MSCC membership.

MSCC's newest member is Maine Medical Center who became the first medical library to participate in the program.

Serials Collection Analysis

The largest public libraries in the state (Portland and Bangor) and the Maine State Library have been investigating making additional serial and journal commitments to allow other libraries in the state to withdraw their local copies. As a starting point, the libraries have used the CCH Collection Comparison Tool <http://papr.crl.edu/tools/compare> to compare their local collections with what is already under retention both in Maine and nationally.

Recording Retention Commitments

During 2020-2021, MSCC Data Librarian Sara Amato registered MSCC monograph commitments in OCLC on behalf of our OCLC member libraries. While the majority of the 1.5 million MSCC commitments are recorded in OCLC there are approximately 34,000 commitments from MSCC members that don't have an OCLC cataloging subscription that aren't recorded in OCLC. All our original MSCC commitments have been now moved off the second shared print symbol to the regular symbol with the second symbols being decommissioned.

In 2021, CRL and OCLC also completed loading MSCC serial and journal commitments into OCLC, using the retention information previously recorded in PAPR.

Searching for MSCC Commitments

Using the OCLC API, MSCC Data Librarian Sara Amato has implemented a search for MSCC commitments in OCLC <http://www.maineinfonet.org/mcs/search-for-mscc-retained-titles/>.

Partnership for Shared Book Collections

MSCC representatives continue to be active in the Partnership for Shared Book Collections, with Matthew Revitt serving on the Operations Committee and both Matthew and Ben Treat (Director of Bangor Public Library) serving on the Research & Network Level Working Group.